96. Needs of the town of Parur in the matter of means of communication.

Rev. Fr. John (Member, T. I. C., Parur) referred to the urgent necessity for the following public works in the town of Parur and prayed for their early execution:—

1. The construction of a bridge at Vadakkekara over the Palathunkal ferry, so as to avoid the great inconveniences felt by thousands of people and school-going children in crossing the deep and dangerous portion of the canal especially during the monsoon.

2. Gravelling and improving the road from the Parur town to the Chakkarakadavu.

3. Deepening and widening of the *thodu* from Parur to Cheriappalli.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

97. Certain improvements at Munambam in the Parur taluk.

Mr. P. K. Mahomed (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for enacting Regulation I of 1095 expanding the Legislative Council and giving the people increased powers. He then mentioned the following as the urgent needs of the taluk:—

1. The existing village road leading from the Parur-Kuriappalli road to Munambam through Puthiakavu, Manjathuruthu, and Kunjithai should be made cartable and metalled, so as to afford better facilities to the people of the northern *pakuthies* of the taluk.

2. The roads within the Munambam town and the road from the northern extremity of Munambam to the Cochin frontier should be improved, with bridges and culverts wherever necessary.

3. The old seaport at Munambam should be improved so as to afford better facilities for export and import trade.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

98. Opening of new roads to the thavalams of the Cardamom Hills where cardamoms are grown.

Mr. S. P. Sultan Ahamad Baduradin Rowther (Member, Devicolam taluk) said that owing to the absence of facilities for communication in the interior of the Devicolam taluk, the cardamom ryots were put to great hardship. He, therefore, prayed that the following roads and bridges might be constructed as early as possible:—

1. Opening of two new roads 6 feet wide from Periakanal to Bison Valley through Athenarayanan Parai and Kilavi Parai and thence to Lockart Estate gap.

2. Widening of the road from Bodimettu to Poopara Pakuthi Cutcherry through Thondimalai and that from Chakulotha *mettu* to Kalkoondal.

3. Construction of a new bridge over Bial river on the way between Bodimettu and Devicolam &c.

4. Removal of the present suspension bridge over Thalayar river in Anaikalpatti of Anjanad *pakuthi* and construction of a strong bridge quite fit for the passage of carts, cattle &c.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

99. Roads.

Mr. R. Ross (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) presented his memorandum in which it was urged that, owing to the increase in labourers' wages, the amounts allotted for the maintenance of the roads serving the Estates should also be

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